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22 December 1947

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Chief, [REDACTED]  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Section 14 of the Veterans Preference Act provides inter alia that "no preference eligible...shall be reduced in rank or compensation...except for such cause as will promote the efficiency of the service and for reasons given in writing...stating any and all reasons specifically and in detail...for any such proposed action..."

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A letter, dated 12 November 1947, from [REDACTED] Acting Chief, Personnel Branch, notifying me that I would be downgraded from a CAF-11 to a CAF-9, effective 28 December 1947, does not comply with Section 14 of the Veterans Preference Act. The only explanation given in [REDACTED] letter is confined to the following sentence:

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"This is to inform you that on the basis of a recent position classification survey, certain positions in [REDACTED] have been reallocated by the Civil Service Commission to grades commensurate with current duties and responsibilities."

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In this notice of my being downgraded, specific, detailed reasons provided in Section 14 of the Veterans Preference Act are lacking. The Notice comes to me after more than five years' service as an editor, including nearly two years in [REDACTED] during the war.

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I was wounded in World War I. My army serial number is [REDACTED]

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As a preference eligible I desire that this letter to you be an appeal on procedure, still reserving my right to appeal under Section 14 of the Veterans Preference Act should CIA rule against me. I also request that my hearing be conducted in the agency within the next ten or fifteen days in order that I shall not lose my statutory rights of appeal to the United States Civil Service Commission.

Very truly yours,

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/s/ [REDACTED]

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